

# Wisconsin Partnership Program

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The Wisconsin Partnership Program (WPP):

- As of 2/1/2005, there are 506 people with disabilities enrolled in Partnership:
  - Community Health Partnership (CHP) - 215 enrollees
  - Community Living Alliance (CLA) - 291 enrollees
- Is available to people with physical disabilities in Eau Claire, Dunn, Chippewa and Dane Counties
- Has an average member age of 53



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Of Partnership enrollees with disabilities:

- Average number of diagnoses - 12.5
- Dually-eligible for Medicaid and Medicare - 66%
- Reside in nursing homes - less than 2%



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Of Partnership enrollees with disabilities:

- Prior to their enrollment, participants spent an average of 5.3 days per year receiving care in a nursing home.
- After their enrollment, participants spent an average of 4.1 days per year receiving care in a nursing home.



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Of Partnership enrollees with disabilities:

- Prior to their enrollment, participants spent an average of 7.1 days per year as patients in hospitals.
- After their enrollment, participants spent an average of 3.8 days per year as patients in hospitals.



# Home and Community-Based Waivers

## Consumer Choice and Self-Determination

- Every member plays a central role in choosing and directing his/her service and supports.
- Participation and respect for choices is built into the care management process.
- Members may more formally direct their own care through the self-directed supports (SDS) option.
- Guardians or families can direct services for members with cognitive disabilities.



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## Consumer Choice and Self-Determination

- Care management teams provide support to members in directing their services including:
  - Monitoring member's health and safety
  - Managing the services the member doesn't want to manage
  - Establishing the budget for SDS services
  - Providing fiscal intermediary services to support the member as the employer of services
  - Providing training for members and their workers



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## SDS in Family Care

- 91% of SDS expenditures are for personal care, supportive home care and other home health care.
- The average cost of SDS services per member is \$700 per month.
- 2,087 members participate in some form of SDS:
  - Fond du Lac County - 59
  - LaCrosse County - 162
  - Milwaukee County - 1,693
  - Portage County - 148
  - Richland County - 25

